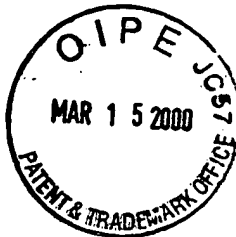


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In re Application of: )  
YUJI INOUE, ET AL. ) : Examiner: D. Dorsey  
Application No.: 09/096,515 ) : Group Art Unit: 3635  
Filed: June 12, 1998 ) :  
For: BUILDING MATERIAL, CLADD-) March 15, 2000  
ING ASSEMBLY, METHOD OF :  
INSTALLING BUILDING )  
MATERIAL, AIR FLOWING :  
APPARATUS AND GENERATOR )  
(As Amended) :

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 15, 1999, the time for response having been extended for three (3) months, by the accompanying Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), from December 15, 1999 up to and including March 15, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows: